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Note verbale dated 31 July 2003 from the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia and, in reference to his note verbale, has the honour to inform him of the measures taken by the Portuguese authorities with respect to the sanctions regime imposed by the Security Council against Liberia.

Following the adoption by the Security Council of resolution 1343 (2001), the European Union Council adopted on 11 June 2001 Regulation 1146/2001, which is legally binding on all European Union member States and, therefore, legally binding under Portuguese internal legislation.

Following the adoption by the Security Council of resolution 1478 (2003), the European Union Council adopted on 16 June 2003 a new Regulation 1030/2003 published in the European Union official Journal on 18 June 2003. This Regulation extended the sanctions regime for one more year, and included also a 10-month prohibition on importing all round logs and timber products originating in Liberia. Annexed to the Regulation was the list of diamonds, round logs and timber products subjected to the embargo.

The Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs promoted the dissemination of all the Security Council resolutions and European Union regulations to the official entities in charge, with a view to ensuring their implementation. Besides those resolutions and regulations, the above-mentioned Portuguese entities have the text of the latest European Union Common Position on Liberia, together with the list of names under the visa ban and the list of all products subject to the embargo.

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